(b) the amount of funds released during the last three years and progress made in this regard so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that the amount have not been utilised fully during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) The Amount of Special Central Assistance allocated by the Planning Commission to the UP Government for the development of Hill Areas for the year 1997-98 stands at Rs. 225 crore - Rs. 217.07 crore from HADP and Rs. 7.93 crore from other Special Area Programme.

(b) The amount of Special Central Assistance released during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 stands at Rs. 197.06 crores, Rs. 225.00 crores and Rs. 225.00 crores respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up food Processing Industries in Uttar Pradesh

*412. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the present number of food processing industries in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have any proposals to set-up more food processing units in that State; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) Food Processing Industries are both in the organised and un-organised sectors. Hence, the information relating to the number of food processing industries in the country, and Statewise, is not maintained centrally.

According to the Annual Survey of India (Ministry of Planning) for the year 1993-94, there were 2697 factories manufacturing food and beverages, in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The Ministry does not set up food processing units directly in any State. However, the Ministry under its plan schemes extends financial assistance to State Govt. Organisations etc. for setting up/expansion/ modernisation of food processing units.

Exploration Activity of MECL

*413. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the exploration activity of Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited with respect to Coal;

(b) to what applied use are the findings of the Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited put by the relevant Coal companies; and

(c) the steps being taken to boost more exploration in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. (MECL) is carrying out exploration in respect of coal in the command area of Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Limited in the States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, etc.

MECL is carrying out exploration for Coal in Virgin areas also. As a result of exploration efforts by MECL, Coal Reserves of over 49 Billion Tonnes in over 370 blocks have been established.

(b) The exploration taken up by MECL on behalf of Ministry of Coal have increased the resource base in Coal India Lmited and Singareni Collieries Company Limited command areas. This helped in increasing the production of coal from 73 million tonnes annually during 1973-74 to a level of over 250 million tonnes in 1995-96.

(c) The Sub-Group II on Coal and Lignite constituted by the Planning Commission in its report for the the formualtion of 9th Plan (1997-2002) have considered the requirement of exploration in different States taking end-use into consideration and identifying with inputs of Drilling, Geophysical Surveys, Analytical Studies, Geological Studies, etc. This involves around 3.0 million metres of drilling and related jobs.

Land for Construction of National Library and Memorial in the name of Dr. Ambedkar

*414. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarrd Question 2408 on 17th March, 1997 and state:

(a) the present status of the National Public Library project in the name of Dr. Ambedkar and funds required therefor;

(b) the present status and the steps taken to acquire the land for National Memorial in the name of Dr. Ambedkar and funds required therefor; and

(c) the present status of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) As requested by the Ministry of Welfare, the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment have allotted land in the Institutional Area between Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road and Raisina Road for constructing the Library. However the physical possession of Land is yet to be given, and necessary efforts are underway for obtaining this. Necessary actions for conceptualising the Library have also been initiated. The firmed up Cost Estimate has not been arrived at in the absence of Conceptualisation of the Library.

(b) The Government of NCT Delhi has been requested to acquire the land/property at 26, Alipur Road for setting up a suitable Memorial of Dr. Ambedkar. Government of NCT Delhi had indicated a cost of Rs. 8.90 crores for acquisition of the land/property, out of which 80% of the cost i.e. Rs. 7.12 crores to be pre-deposited for the acquistion has already been released to the Government of NCT Delhi. The necessary notification for acquisition has already been issued by Delhi Government on 17.4.1997. The Total fund required can be arrived at only after conceptualising the project.

(c) As indicated above.

राष्ट्रीय अल्पसंख्यक वित्त निगम को आबंटित धनराशि

*415. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार द्वारा राष्ट्रीय अल्पसंख्यक वित्त निगम (एन.एम.एफसी.) को अब तक कितनी धनराशि आबंटित की गई है;

(ख) इस निगम द्वारा राज्य-वार कितनी धनराशि आबंटित की गई;

(ग) संबंधित राज्यों के अल्पसंख्यक निगम द्वारा इसमें से राज्य-वार कितनी धनराशि वितरित की गई;

(घ) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि ऋण वितरण हेतु लाभार्थियों के चयन के संबंध में निगम द्वारा अपनायी जाने वाली प्रक्रिया ने भ्रष्टाचार को बढ़ावा दिया है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इसे रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया): (क) संबंधित ब्यौरा विवरण-I पर है। **(नीचे देखिए)**

(ख) संबंधित ब्यौरा विवरण-II पर है।**(नीचे देखिए)**

(ग) संबंधित ब्यौरा विवरण-III पर है।**(नीचे देखिए)**

(घ) लाभग्राहियों का चयन संबंधित राज्य माध्यम एजेंसियों के द्वारा जिला प्रशासन के जरिए किया जाता है। लाभग्राही पहचान कार्य में किसी अनियमितता से संबंधित मामलों की देखभाल राज्य माध्यम एजेंसी द्वारा की जाती है। निगम ने अभी तक किसी राज्य माध्यम एजेंसियों से इस संबंध में कोई शिकायत प्राप्त नहीं की है।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

विवरण-I

केन्द्र सरकार तथा राज्य सरकारों द्वारा राष्ट्रीय अल्पसंख्यक विकास और वित्त निगम को अब तक आबंटित धनराशि इस प्रकार है: --

	राशि (रु० करोड़ में)
भारत सरकार	125.00
उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार	7.00
बिहार सरकार	5.00